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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS ROK AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO TO  
          CHANGE

1. JAPAN'S SANKEI SHIMBUN, IN DEC. 8 SEOUL-DATELINED STORY  
CONTAINED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY'S PRESS FILE SAYS ROK  
AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN KIM YONG-SON WILL BE REPLACED SOON.  
PAPER SAYS SUCCESSOR WILL BE EITHER KIM CHONG-YOM, BLUE  
HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL, OR MIN KWAN-SHIK, FORMER EDUCATION  
MINISTER AND NOW DIRECTOR OF ASIAN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
IN SEOUL.

2. RUMORS ALSO CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE HERE TO THE EFFECT  
THAT ROK AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON HAM PYONG-CHUN WILL BE  
REPLACED, PERHAPS BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAM TOK-U.  
NAM'S FORMER DEPUTY, YI CHAE-SOL, NOW AMBASSADOR TO  
INDONESIA, ALSO MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: MOFA ASIA BUREAU DIRECTOR KONG NO-MYONG,  
WHEN QUERIED ABOUT SANKEI STORY BY EMBOFF, SAID THAT HE  
WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY PENDING TRANSFER, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD  
NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT BLUE HOUSE MIGHT BE  
PLANNING ACTION OF WHICH HE MIGHT BE UNAWARE. KONG HAS  
BEEN A GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE ON MATTERS INVOLVING  
JAPAN. ADDITIONALLY, SANKEI CORRESPONDENT HERE HAS HAD  
A TENDENCY TO GO TO PRESS WITHOUT ALWAYS GETTING HIS  
FACTS RIGHT. RE PARA. 2, EMBASSY WOULD NATURALLY APPRECIATE  
ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT MAY RECEIVE RE THIS CHANGE.

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